

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jeffrey O. Saunders et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 18, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This responds to the November 18, 2009 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants are also filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with this Amendment and Response.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to extend the time for filing this response for two (2)

months, up to and including April 19, 2010 (April 18, 2010 is a Sunday). Thus, this Amendment and Response and the accompanying RCE are both timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.